



## **TOWN COUNCIL**

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East Hampton COVID-19 Response Update May 16, 2020

East Hampton, CT, May 16 2020 – According to Friday's information from the Chatham Health District, the Town of East Hampton has increased by four to 41 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since tracking began in early March. No additional deaths attributable to the disease in East Hampton have occurred in recent weeks. Testing of residents remains steady in keeping with the Statewide efforts toward increased testing. Despite higher testing, the number of new cases in the Chatham Health District each day has dropped in the last two weeks from its peak during April. This suggests that the steps we are taking are helping protect our community. As always, residents are reminded to take steps to protect themselves and others by following the recommended and required procedures including the use of cloth masks over their mouth and nose while in public and unable to remain distant from others. CVS and the State have announced several additional testing facilities throughout the state including one in East Hampton. Those wanting a test must register online at CVS.com

The Chatham Health District and the Town remind residents to "Stay Safe, Stay Home" and be diligent as they continue to avoid contact with others. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds especially after being in public, sneezing, coughing or nose blowing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. To further prevent the spread of COVID-19, use a face mask as required, always maintain "social distancing" of at least 6 feet and stay away from groups of people. Protect others by staying home if you are sick, covering coughs and sneezes and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1.

The next Town update is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20.